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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Williams

Keys to Pleasure

So maybe you'd like to count 'em! There's four hundred and eighty-eight of 'em at that swingin' room on Catalina in Redondo Beach and the room is known as The 488 Keys with some swingin' talent to match!

Owner-host-operator Sam Willey introduced us to the tom-cat of those 488's last Saturday night. A very able guy by the name of Bob Salisbury who runs the gamut on that massive instrument nite-ly for your enjoyment Wednesday through Sunday and you can take it from here, he can truly handle those keys! A most talented guy!

Taking over at the same keyboard on Monday and Tuesday nites it's still Madeline Franks, who's been at The 488 Keys for 10 these many moons.

So as we said at the top, if pleasure is your bag you'll find it all at Sam Willey's 488 board music bar, too, if you board music bar, too, if you please!

By the way, this Bob Salisbury's presenting a September Jamboree at the 488 Keys Lounge on Sunday Sept. 17 and invites one and all. He's a member of that august body known as the Long Beach Professional Organist Club and a real artist with a fabulous background that dates back to when he was but five years old when he learned the keyboard on a toy piano. More on this guy later.

Slipped on by the Pacific Lounge one nite last week and sat at the end of the bar (slurping a "giant martini") and listened to Cal Chun and the group as they tinkled out some of the wildest stuff you've heard in a long time. This has got to be one of the swingin' spots you'll find in the area of La Cienega and Rodeo Road these nites.

These cats can (and do) go Hawaiian, swing, jazz, rock, ballad, or just about anything that hits your mood and they do each equally well. Then when some of the guys drop ground with their instruments and want to sit in, well, there's no stopping 'em! Got-



ALL HANDS ON DECK . . . And all hands must be on deck to handle this monster containing 488 keys as Bob Salisbury, above, runs over it at Sam Willey's 488 Keys in Redondo Beach. Madeline Franks is featured entertainer Monday and Tuesday nites with Bob taking over the rest of the week.

ten to be quite a center for the jam session bit, a thing that nearly became extinct. But thanks to Cal and his Pacific Lounge, it's making great strides toward a comeback.

Featured nite-ly, of course, it's Kimo and Kaimo (a couple of Irish lads as you can plainly tell) but they're broad-minded about their boss sitting in with them, thumping out his own brand of classic jazz on the piano.

It's not only quality entertainment at the Pacific Lounge but quality food as well. As an instance, get in on that Sunday special for \$1.25! It's a true delight as are the rest of the items presented on the menu for gastronomic pleasures. Drop on by soon, won't cha.

Now we ask you, is not that "side man" of Charlie La Grace a real gas?! All the buffs that "dig" Charlie in the Jet Room Lounge at 6815 La Cienega Blvd. come on strong for this "group!"

And if you're one of those guys or gals who likes to raise his voice in song even though not in the shower, this is the spot for it. Charlie can surely come up with just about any tune you request, especially among the oldies . . . but goodness! He should be able to he's probably, if not the original jazz man, among the originals. And that's from coast to coast, having cut his teeth into the musical world back in New York City when the earth was very young. (And so was Charlie! Don't forget, this cat started in this dodge as a very young kid!) Give it a whirl one nite soon and be entertained as well as entertain yourself and sing up a storm!

And if you're in the area and are hungry . . . try one of those giant sandwiches the



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Say there, if you're listed among the hosen ones who usually has a buck or two in his pocket, you probably have your own plans or at least know someone who does. So what better way to attend the goings-on at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona!

Bill Stitt, airport manager at Brackett Field up there logged in some 372 planes last year at The Fair and anticipates an even larger number of "do-it-yourself" fly-boys during the '67 County Fair run.

It'll be a 17-day showing from Sept. 15 thru Oct. 1. The field boasts a 4,000-foot hard-surfaced lighted runway and operates on a 24-hour a day basis. So if you decide to fly on up, the control tower frequency at Pomona is 118.2. Let's not have any of that by guess and by gosh!

There's a free shuttle bus service to the nearby fairgrounds for your convenience and is offered by members of the local Civil Air Patrol.

At the risk of being accused of dabbling in redundancy, let's remind you one more time about the feast that awaits your pleasure at the Pen and Quill Restaurant on Sepulveda Blvd. in Manhattan Beach. (Now there's a nice short sentence.)

But y'see, the Pen and Quill are still observing their 15th anniversary and by way of inviting you to join in on the celebration General Manager Pat O'Daly and his most cap-



LIKE WOW! . . . This is what greets you from the stand at the Galley West Restaurant on the tip of Palos Verdes Peninsula these nites. She's "Valeta" the featured vocalist with the Zep Meisner Trio every nite but Monday.

able chef are presenting those three gourmet dinners nite-ly and for the fantastically low price of three-ninety-five per each. All of which includes a glass of wine, the hand-blown container of which you get to keep as a souvenir of the occasion.

Take advantage of this splendid offer first chance you get 'cause just when it'll be pulled off the regular "run of things" is hard to say but it's well worth the trip.

And to add to your enjoyment of a nite at the Pen and Quill, those popular recording stars Johnnie, Mike and Bill present their very danceable music nite-ly.

Dinner servings begin at 5:30 and are available 'til 10 p.m. The dancing starts at 8:30 so come early and stay late for a real ball.

Now you wouldn't say \$2.95 is a big price would you? Not from this corner either and when you take a look at that menu Friar Tuck presents in Manhattan Beach it brings it home even more forcibly.

Things like fried jumbo shrimp, Catalina sword fish steak, or New York cut steak and brochette of beef, not to mention prime rib of beef and Jefferson Davis fried chicken. They all go for that aforementioned two-ninety-five. Or perhaps you're one of those "all you can eat" types!

Well that, too, is available at Friar Tuck's on the buffet luncheon special for \$1.50 Monday thru Friday.

Then here we go back to the two ninety-five bit again and here it's roast Long Island duckling on the weekend special dinner. So you can see, they've got lots of fine dining and lurching waiting for you at the good Friar's.

Johnny Angelitis (Hey! Is that the right spelling, Johnny?) has some wild entertainment awaiting your pleasure, too. It's the Don Morris Trio for either dancing or just plain good listening every nite except Sundays and it's all on a no cover, no minimum, no admission basis.

Stop on by this air conditioned oasis one time soon at 928 No. Sepulveda and live a little!

There's always something doing at The Tea House in Torrance it seems. Naturally it's still that "Manila Bombshell" Gale Stoddard nite-ly Tuesday thru Saturday. How could The Tea House and it's patrons get along without this cooperative little chick with the talented hands on that piano bar! Just couldn't that's all!!!

(Wonder who Gale's "Orchid Man" is?)

Then by way of rounding out the week, the Monday nite slot is taken up by still another wonderful piece of talent in "Hawaiian Pete" from 9 in the evening 'til 1:30 in the aye-m.

All this plus family style dining that starts at a dollar eighty-five. And what you don't feel like eating (and believe it . . . the table is laden!) you can just tell "Sweet Connie" and she'll wrap the whole business up in doggie boxes and away you go with enough chow to feed your family for three days!

And if you're in the mood for a cocktail it's exotic or otherwise "Ronnie" is ever on hand to mix 'em up in grand style for you. Prices are right at The Tea House, too. Rose and Louis



SOMETHING OF VALUE . . . foretells Laura Killingsworth as partner Marvin Cloyd tests her clairvoyance. Scene is from Long Beach Community Playhouse's forthcoming production of "The Great Sebastians" starring two of the area's most popular stars. The melodramatic comedy, directed by James Brittain, opens Sept. 15 for a six weekend engagement. Tickets may be secured by calling the Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim.

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